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Raley's promotes two longtime leaders

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The Raley's Cos. has promoted Mike Gabbert and Donna Mendes, two longstanding leaders within the company.

Gabbert has been promoted to senior vice president, chief of human resources, leading all aspects of HR, including talent acquisition, benefits, compensation, leadership and development, and team member relations.

A proven leader, Gabbert has worked for Raley's for more than 40 years. He started his career at Raley's in HR and his vast experience spans different parts of organization, including 19 years in store operations, and most recently leading Raley's distribution and logistics.

Mendes has been promoted to executive director of logistics, succeeding Gabbert in Raley's operating division.

“We are fortunate to have Mike Gabbert, who is the epitome of dedication and service leadership. We are grateful for Mike's willingness to serve in this elevated capacity,” said Keith Knopf, president and CEO. “We strongly believe promoting from within can lead to increased employee engagement, productivity, and overall success for the organization.”

Mendes will lead the Natomas Distribution Center, including all supply chain planning and execution processes with internal stakeholders to increase the in-store availability of products. Throughout her 27-year career with Raley's, she led different in-store departments and held multiple operational leadership roles. Most recently, she served as a district team leader, leading store operations.

“Donna is a dynamic and trusted leader who is committed to Raley's purpose and culture. Her broad expertise developed through store operations, and her focus on innovation, will allow us to further to enhance our business” said Jen Warner, president of Raley's operating division. “We are excited to see the positive impact that Donna will make in logistics and supporting stores with the highest standard of service.”

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